



# *Proclamation*

## *Presented*

### **In Recognition of "World Hepatitis Day"**

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i State Department of Health, Communicable Disease Division recognizes "World Hepatitis Day" to provide awareness on the epidemics of Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C and to encourage people-at-risk to be screened and/or vaccinated; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i State Department of Health, Communicable Disease Division educates individuals about Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C; Hepatitis B is the most common, chronic, blood-borne disease in the United States affecting more than four million individuals; Hepatitis C is the most frequent cause of liver cancer for individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i State Department of Health, Communicable Disease Division understands that nearly 75% of individuals with either Hepatitis B or Hepatitis C are unaware they have the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i State Department of Health, Communicable Disease Division expresses the importance of knowing the symptoms of hepatitis; many cases are undiagnosed because the symptoms of hepatitis mirror the symptoms of the common flu, i.e., loss of appetite, fatigue, mild fever, body aches, nausea and abdominal pain; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i State Department of Health, Communicable Disease Division encourages the public to attend the "World Hepatitis Day" Event at the Diamond Head Health Center on July 28, 2011;

**THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim July 28, 2011 as**

### **"WORLD HEPATITIS DAY"**

in Hawai'i and urge the people of the Aloha State to support the efforts of the Hawai'i State Department of Health, Communicable Disease Division to increase awareness and education about Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fifth day of July, 2011.

**NEIL ABERCROMBIE**  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

**BRIAN SCHATZ**  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i